

FACT SHEET

STATE ROUTE 57/ STATE ROUTE 60 HIGH OCCUPANCY VEHICLE (HOV) DIRECT CONNECTORS AND COLLECTOR ROAD

- **What the Work Involves:** The construction of a new bridge to link the high occupancy vehicle (HOV) lanes between the Orange Freeway (Route 57) and the Pomona Freeway (Route 60) in Diamond Bar and the City of Industry. The project also includes realigning the Grand Avenue on-ramp to westbound Route 60 to extend Brea Canyon Road and adding a lane to the Grand Avenue off-ramp from northbound Route 57 to eastbound Route 60.
- **Benefits:** The purpose of the HOV direct connector is to provide safer and more efficient movement of traffic within this major freeway interchange. The present configuration requires motorists to make quick lane changes, crossing three lanes to access connecting freeways and HOV lanes. The direct connector will allow the HOV traffic traveling between Route 57 and Route 60 to change routes without leaving the HOV lane, improving safety and mobility by reducing weaving.
- **Background:** The California Department of Transportation (Caltrans) is committed to easing congestion with HOV lanes, which have been shown to save users at least one minute per mile, compared to mixed flow traffic during the peak hour. Non-carpoolers also benefit from reduced congestion in all lanes, improved air quality and enhanced fuel efficiency. The Greater Los Angeles area has the most extensive HOV program in the nation; from now to the year 2010, carpool lanes will be added to virtually every freeway in the area. The new connector is an important addition to the regional HOV lane system.
- **Total Cost:** \$78.3 million
 - *State: \$9 million
 - *Federal: \$69.3 million
- **Construction schedule:**
 - **Start** – Spring, 2003
 - **Finish** –Fall, 2006